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Danville Veterans Benefits Service Office Relocating

DANVILLE—The Veterans Benefit Services Office operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is relocating to 2276 Franklin Turnpike, Suite 104 in Danville. Currently the DVS office is located at 165 Deer Run Road in Danville. The office will be open for business at the new location on July 2, 2007.

“Our new location is just three miles from the current location,” said Benefits Service Representative Nicole Crews. “However, our new space is more spacious and can accommodate wheel chairs and electric scooters without any problem.”

To get to the new location from the current office, go east on Deer Run Road toward Route 29. Turn left on Route 29 and follow it for 1.5 miles. Bear left on to Route 41 and go 1.5 miles to the new office.

Benefits service representatives like Crews, work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on a local, state and federal level. Crews helps veterans apply for medical services, disability benefits due to disease or injury incurred during or aggravated by time-in-service or disability benefits due to secondary medical conditions resulting from a service connection. “For example, Diabetes Mellitus, type II, is presumptive by law to be associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange should file a claim to obtain assistance in treating their diabetes,” explained Crews.

DVS representatives also assist with other types of claims, such as veterans compensation and pension claims, dependency and indemnity compensation for widows/widowers and children

of disabled veterans, widows' pensions, dependents' education, veteran home loans and death benefit claims. In short, DVS veterans service representatives are advocates for veterans and their family members. They help veterans with their paperwork, track the claim with the VA, and represent veterans if they need to appeal a claim.

In addition to assisting veterans at the new Franklin Turnpike location, Crews will be available to help veterans at the Chatham Armory in Chatham and the Henry County Administration Building in Collinsville. Crews is at the Chatham Armory, located at 326 South Main Street, on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. She is at the Henry County Administration Building on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

Statewide, the Department of Veterans Services operates 22 benefit services offices where representatives assist veterans and their family members in filing claims for federal veterans benefits. The agency operates two veterans cemeteries: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. A third state veterans cemetery in Dublin is in the initial stages of development. DVS operates the Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC) in Roanoke. The VVCC is a 240-bed long-term care facility offering nursing and domiciliary care for veterans. The 160-bed SitterBarfoot Veterans Care Center is under construction in Richmond and is slated to open in 2007. The agency also certifies that post-secondary educational institutions meet G.I. Bill funding and eligibility requirements, enabling veterans and family members to pursue educational opportunities.

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